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Attorney Docket No. 18072-000610US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

STEVEN C. QUAY

Application No.: 10/756,850

Filed: January 13, 2004

For: PRODUCTION AND USE OF
DERIVATIZED HOMOSERINE
LACTONES

Examiner: R. Anderson

Art Unit: 1626

**ADDITIONAL RESPONSE TO
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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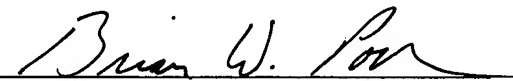
Dear Sir:

In response to the Communication from the Examiner dated March 12, 2007, Applicant elects the species wherein R^1 is ($=O$), R^2 is an alkyl group terminally substituted with a reactive group, wherein the reactive group is NHR^4 (R^4 being hydrogen), X is O , X^1 is O , and X^2 is O . Applicant further elects the species wherein R^2 is n-butyl, as shown in Example 1, compound 4. As in the prior response to restriction, Applicant does not believe that restriction should be required and the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the request for restriction in this application. Applicant notes that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of any claim withdrawn in the present application in a related copending application.

Applicant believes that requirements for responding to the restriction requirement have been addressed. If a telephone conference would expedite this matter, the Examiner is respectfully encouraged to contact the undersigned accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 12, 2007

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